#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the pending claims with the following claim listing:

## 1-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_1$ , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_2$ , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of  $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$ , comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency is a wavelength of 589.3 $\pm 2$  nm that is equivalent to the sodium D line.

38. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 37, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

- 39. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 38, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 37, wherein, the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 976±10 nm and the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1485±20 nm.
- 41. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 37, wherein, the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 1064±10 nm and the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1320±20 nm.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 37, wherein, the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 940±10 nm and the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1565±35 nm.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 40, wherein the second laser for outputting a wavelength  $\lambda_2 = 1485\pm20$  nm is a DFB laser.
- 44. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 41, wherein the second laser for outputting a wavelength  $\lambda_3 = 1320\pm20$  nm is a DFB laser.
- 45. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 42, wherein the second laser for outputting a wavelength  $\lambda_2 = 1565\pm35$  nm is a DFB laser.

#### 46-47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) The laser light source according to claim [[47]] 37, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 940±10 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1320±20 nm, and the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 546.1±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

50. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 49, wherein, representing refractive indices at the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda.$$

- 51. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 50, wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 52. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 49, wherein the second laser is a DFB laser.

## 53-54. (Canceled)

- 55. (Currently Amended) The laser light source according to claim [[54]] 49, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.
- 56. (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_1$ , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_2$ , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of  $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$ , comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is  $980\pm10$  nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is  $1320\pm20$  nm, and the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of the sum frequency is a wavelength of  $560.0\pm5.0$  nm corresponding to a yellow range.

57. (**Previously Presented**) The laser light source according to claim 56, wherein, representing refractive indices at the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

- 58. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 57, wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 59. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 56, wherein the second laser is a DFB laser.

# 60-61. (Canceled)

62. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim [[61]] <u>56</u>, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is  $1064\pm10$  nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is  $1320\pm20$  nm, and the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of the sum frequency is a wavelength of  $585.0\pm5.0$  nm corresponding to a yellow range.

64. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claims 63, wherein, representing refractive indices at the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

- 65. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 64, wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 66. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 63, wherein the second laser is a DFB laser.

## 67-68. (Canceled)

- 69. (Currently Amended) The laser light source according to claim [[68]] 63, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.
- (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_1$ , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_2$ , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of  $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$ , comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 940±10 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1550±30 nm, and the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 585.0±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

71. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 70, wherein, representing refractive indices at the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda.$$

- 72. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 71, wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 73. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 70, wherein the second laser is a DFB laser.

74-75. (Canceled)

- 76. (Currently Amended) The laser light source according to claim [[75]] 70, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.
- (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_1$ , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_2$ , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of  $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$ , comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation, the second laser is a DFB laser,

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure,

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 976±10 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1485±20 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency is a wavelength of 589.3±2 nm that is equivalent to the sodium D line.

78. (**Previously Presented**) The laser light source according to claim 77, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

- 79. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 78, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 80. (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_1$ , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_2$ , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and the laser beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of  $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$ , comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation, the second laser is a DFB laser,

with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 1064±10 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1320±20 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency is a wavelength of 589.3±2 nm that is equivalent to the sodium D line.

81. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 80, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

82. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 81, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation, the second laser is a DFB laser,

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 940±10 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1565±35 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of a sum frequency is a wavelength of 589.3±2 nm that is equivalent to the sodium D line.

84. (**Previously Presented**) The laser light source according to claim 83, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

85. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 84, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser,

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is  $940\pm10$  nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is  $1320\pm20$  nm, and the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of the sum frequency is a wavelength of  $546.1\pm5.0$  nm corresponding to a yellow range.

87. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 86, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

88. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 87, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser,

with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is  $980\pm10$  nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is  $1320\pm20$  nm, and the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of the sum frequency is a wavelength of  $560.0\pm5.0$  nm corresponding to a yellow range.

90. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 89, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

91. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 90, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser,

with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is 1064±10 nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is 1320±20 nm, and the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 585.0±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

93. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 92, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

94. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 93, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser,

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  is  $940\pm10$  nm, the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is  $1550\pm30$  nm, and the wavelength  $\lambda_3$  of the sum frequency is a wavelength of  $585.0\pm5.0$  nm corresponding to a yellow range.

96. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 95, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  by  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period  $\Lambda$  that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

97. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 96, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.